

### Chest Collections Reach 98% of Goal

Collections in the Torrance Community Chest campaign are still just short of the goal of \$18,510, with 98.63% or \$18,257 turned in, City Chairman Phillip Lisman said this week, but he expressed confidence that if all volunteers complete their assignments quickly the city can easily exceed its quota.

Last week the Torrance commerce and industry division, headed by John Ebbinghouse, was the first in the harbor area to go "over the top," with collections now standing at \$6,910, or 101.07% of their quota of \$6,837.

Other divisions to meet their quota in Torrance are residential, under the direction of Mrs. Betty Jo Rowell, with \$5,100, or 108.28% of quota, and public employees, headed by Mrs. Bernice Goodwin, with \$693, or 165.39% of quota.

Still to achieve their goals

are the business division, whose chairman Bob Waddell, reports \$1,185, or 91.89% of their goal of \$1,290, and advance gifts, headed by Dr. Joseph Bay, with \$4,369, or 83.22% of their quota of \$5,250.

Torrance is third in percent of Chest quota among harbor area cities, according to Lisman, who said that Rolling Hills and Palos Verdes have topped their goal, with 113.06% and 102.44% respectively.

**Other Cities**  
Other cities reporting are: Wilmington, 85.88%; Gardena, 85.20%; Lomita Harbor City, 87.76%; and San Pedro, 68.64%. Total collected in the harbor area, as of Monday, is \$74,338, or 87.70% of the Chest goal of \$84,764, according to area chairman James Viscaglia.

**L.A. Area**  
As of Monday, the total in the Los Angeles Chest appeal stood at \$8,646,900, or 91.02% of the

goal of \$9.5 million, according to campaign chairman W. Herbert Allen. Although the campaign, the largest fund-raising effort in Los Angeles history, was scheduled to be 100% by today, Allen asked all Chest volunteers to continue their solicitations until all possible prospects have been contacted.

Harbor area chairman Viscaglia endorsed this request and added, "I feel that we can reach 100% of our goal in the Harbor area. Let's make it Christmas all year long for the 234,211 boys and girls, 132,010 families and individuals, 81,212 patients and 21,684 children served by Community Chest agencies."

### New Troop

The Boy Scout planning committee of Southwest Park has announced that newly formed Boy Scout Troop 372 is ready to accept applications for boys interested in scouting.

Boys must be between the ages of 11 to 14.



"DEAR SANTA": ... "I have been good this year," Pamela Fleming, 7, of 1011 Faysmith ave., wrote last week. "Please bring me a doll bed ... and some melody bells. My sister

(Susan, 3) wants a washing machine. I would like some new colors ... I would like two top front teeth to come in by then too." — Press Photo.

(Editor's note: Children who would like to write to Santa Claus from now until Christmas are invited to send their letters to Santa Claus, c/o Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens ave., Torrance. We will deliver all letters to Santa Claus in Torrance's Santaland. We will also try to publish as many of these letters which are sent to us as we can. Include full name, age, address, and telephone number.)

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want you to bring me, for Christmas, a Red Ranger Set, and a Cow-girl suit, & a doll crib; if it is possible. I've tried to be a good girl. I go to Sunday school on Sunday and like it very much.

Thank you for what you will be leaving Christmas morning.  
Love, Carol Anne Fisher  
22432 Redbeam ave.  
Dear Santa Clause  
Please bring me a Red Range

gun set, and a cowboy suit. I would like a nice toy to play with & some candy, if it isn't asking too much.

I try to be a good boy, and will try harder to be better. Thank you for the gifts that you will leave on Christmas morning.

Love, Steve Fisher  
22432 Redbeam ave.

Dear Santa Claus  
I am 7 years old I have been a good girl my mother had a operation. I have been helping my mother with the house and with our little sisters I would like a nina Ballarina doll A Sidewalk Bike and books a and please bring mine sisters. 3 years old and 6 mo's old a doll too clause they cant write. My sister 5 years is writing you, to. I have 3 sisters  
Linda Adkins  
22418 S. Marbella  
Wilmington, Calif.

Dear Santa Clause  
I am 5 years old. I have been A good girl. I want a doll and a tricycle dishes pots and pans and silver ware.

Glenda Adkins  
22418 S. Marbella,  
Wilmington

Dear Santa Claus  
I would like a electric train which my brother and I will share I would like a loll for my sister and for my family to be in good health. I would like a big tricycle for my brother I would like a chemistry set if I am old enough.

James Michael Mason  
25032 Frampton ave.  
Harbor City, California

Dear Santa  
I would like a bike and two trucks. A train two guns and Holster.

Lee Mason  
25032 Frampton ave.  
Harbor City, California

Dear Santa  
Momie said she would write this letter for me. My name is Sandy Hayton. I would like a big doll buggy. I also want a Walken talkie doll. My brother winds a portabel radio and Lindy wants the same as me. Most of all we want all the little children in the hos; pitals to get well, and Santa try to be good to them.

Sandy Hayton

DEAR SANTA:  
I know a family that needs you very badly.

They are a young couple with three children and a fourth expected any time. They are in debt terribly. Up until early this summer they were an average young couple with things running quite smoothly. In July the young wife, she's 19 years old, lost her father. The husband took a leave of absence and took his wife back to Illinois to her father's funeral and to bring back her mother so the young couple could care for her mother who was very ill with cancer.

The mother needed special care and medication upon their return here and until her death on October 4th.

All this took extra money and the extra expense caused these young people to get behind in payments and they now need help on necessities.

There is no one to help them and they need bedding and clothes and food besides being three months behind on their furniture.

The point I wanted to make is they were doing fine until illness and death struck repeatedly. They did so much to help others and ney they really need help to get back on their feet once again.

The young man is not a shiftless man. He has worked steady for Northrup aircraft for almost a year and before that served in the Army. I am sure they would appreciate any help.

The family consists of husband, wife, Becky, 3 years' old, Judy 2 years old. Johnny Jr., 1 year old and the young husband's niece, 15 years old. Their name and address is Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Strong, 2618 Nelson, Redondo Beach, California.

Thanks very much,  
A friend and neighbor,  
MRS. ELMER SLACK  
2364 W. 230th St.,  
Torrance, California

Dear Santa,  
I am five years old and my name is Nancy Lee. I have been a good girl and

Dear Santa  
I would like to have a pair of Boots and Guns and Belt set. I am 7, and my sister is 6, and my little sister wants a pair of Boots and a doll and we both would love to have a little pup so we could play with. We both have the Chickenpox, Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa.

Dick and Gertrude Poulson  
18321 Amie ave. Torrance

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please may I have a baby bed for christmas and blankets. Also a little play icbox.

Carole Jean Warren  
2107 W. 247th st.

Dear Santa,  
I am five years old and my name is Nancy Lee. I have been a good girl and

### Press to Collect Christmas Gifts for Kids in Hospital

Torrance residents will again have a chance to make a lot of little children happy at Christmas time this year. As in previous years, the Torrance Press is issuing a call for Christmas gifts for children at Harbor General Hospital.

These gifts are now being brought to the Press office, 1406 Cravens ave., and will be taken to the two children's wards Thursday afternoon, December 22.

They will be distributed by Santa Claus and members of Volunteers for Children, a local group whose members are spending time daily at the hospital cheering up the children.

There are two children's wards in the hospital. One is for children from a few hours old to two years. The other includes children from two years old to 13 years.

Gifts may be left at the Torrance Press any time starting today.

A small note should be attached describing the kind of gift it is and the approximate age group for which it is intended.

Santa Claus will also be glad to pass out gifts for the TB and adult wards, if any individuals so desire.

Cigarettes and candy have been suggested as appropriate gifts.

Here are some gift suggestions for children, recommended by the hospital.

Suggested items for girls—furniture, costume jewelry (new), toy wrist watches, hair ribbons.

Suggested items for boys—small cars, boats, trucks and airplanes, mechanical toys, toy animals, cowboys, soldiers and so forth.

Children two years and under — rubber dolls and balls, rattles, stuffed soft toys (remove buttons and bells).

Pre-school children — Holgate type educational wooden toys, musical wind-up toys, wooden puzzles (large pieces), play stores, farms, doll dishes, cooking pans, large beads to string (lead-free paint).

School-age girls — dolls and clothes, doll furniture, paper dolls, games, craft kits, musical toys.

School-age boys — building and construction toys (no sharp edges or toys requiring cutting tools), tinkler toys, trucks and cars, viewlers with strips, games.

Older girls—costume jewelry, manicure sets, handkerchiefs, purses, cosmetics, cosmetic bags, scarves, kits for making sequin, felt jewelry and purses.

Older boys—harmonicas, solid wood models, wallets, toilet kit, belts, leather craft kits.

Pediatrics—toy steering wheel with suction cup; extension cords 6.9 ft. length; fingerprint and paper doll clothes for dressing skills with buttons and holes of varied sizes, zippers, grippers, buckle and tie fastenings; assorted colors in airplane dope or enamels; simple construction toys, plastic airplanes, cars, boats without sharp edges; cloth slippers, socks, coveralls, T-shirts (sizes 2, 4, 5, 6); Christmas wrapping paper, ribbon; Christmas tree decorations; small vials of glitter.

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